

REMARKS

In the instant Office Action, claims 1-16 and 19 are listed as pending; claims 1-11 and 19 are now characterized as allowable; the non-elected claims are now rejoined with the elected claims; and claims 12-16 are listed as rejected. In response to the instant Action and without conceding the merits of the rejections set forth in the instant Action, claims 12-14 have been canceled. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. A new claim 20 has been added in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to reclaim any subject matter cancelled or removed from consideration by the instant Amendments by reintroducing said subject matter in the present application and/or by filing a subsequent application.

Applicant states that the above amendments neither introduce new matter nor require any change of inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b).

Initially, Applicant appreciatively notes the following actions of the Examiner in the instant Action:

- The Examiner considered Applicant's arguments filed 2/5/07 and withdrew the rejections that were imposed in the prior Office action.
- The Examiner rejoined the non-elected claims with the elected claims.

I. Rejection of Claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

In the instant Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Without conceding the correctness of this rejection and in an effort to solely place the instant Application in a condition for allowance, claims 12-14 have been canceled, without waiver or prejudice.

II. Rejection of Claims 12, 13, 15, 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

In the instant Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 12 as allegedly being indefinite as to the intended agonist effects. Without conceding the correctness of this rejection and in an

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effort to solely place the instant Application in a condition for allowance, claim 12 has been canceled, without waiver or prejudice.

In the instant Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 13 as allegedly being indefinite as to the intended metabolic disorders and as allegedly being indefinite as to the intended "central nervous system diseases." Without conceding the correctness of this rejection and in an effort to solely place the instant Application in a condition for allowance, claim 13 has been canceled, without waiver or prejudice.

In the instant Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 15 and 16 for reciting two peptides that contain a glycine at position 8, and one peptide that recites a serine at position 8, inconsistent with claim 1, upon which claims 15 and 16 depend. As suggested by the Examiner in the instant Action, Applicant has amended claims 15 and 16 to delete the three peptides in question therefrom. As further suggested by the Examiner in the instant Action, Applicant has added a new claims (which is independent) that recites the three peptides.

CONCLUSION

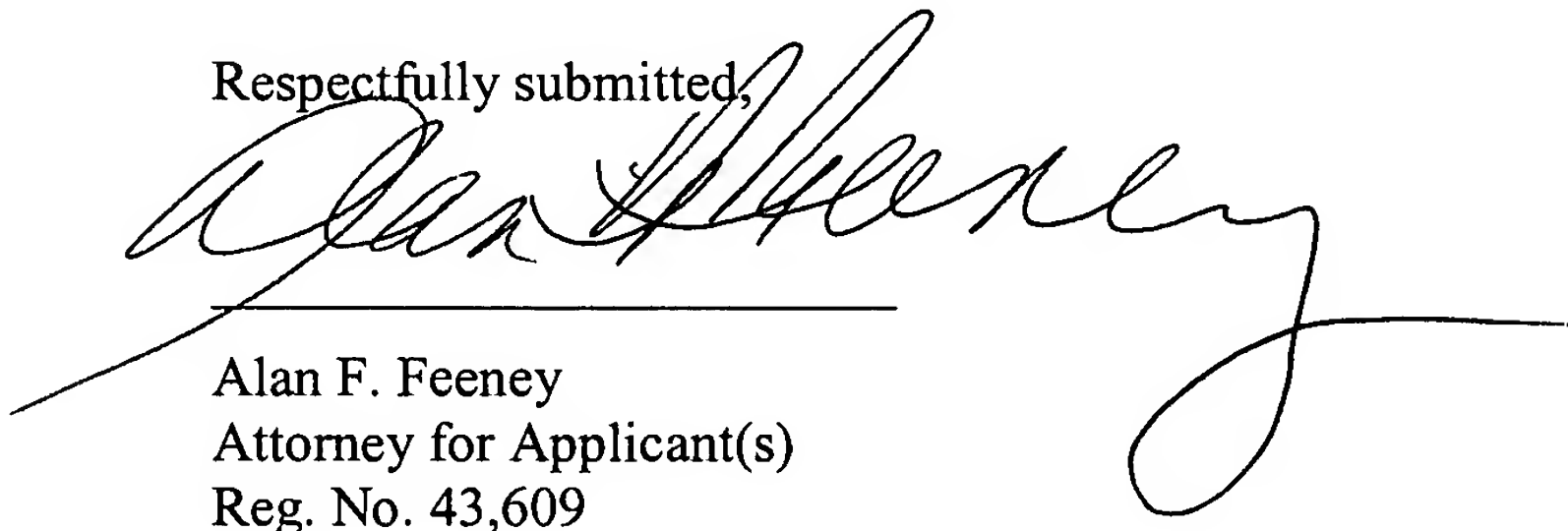
All issues raised in the instant Action are believed to have been addressed. Reconsideration of the instant Action, entry of the amendments submitted herewith, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable action is solicited. Should Examiner Lukton deem that any further action be desirable with respect to these matters, he is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative.

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